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No helmet? No insurance? Then...

No Vehicle

Cops to seize vehicles of riders without helmets and insurance; Will release vehicle only after owner gets both

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (RK&VNS)- Cracking a whip on traffic rule violators, the Mysuru City Traffic Police have intensified their drive for helmetless riding and other violations across city.

City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao, who held a meeting with DCP (Crime and Traffic), ACP (Traffic), Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of all Traffic Police Stations recently, is said to have instructed them to intensify the checks on traffic violations.

The Traffic Police, who launched the drive yesterday at various places across the city, have collected huge fines from the violators who were caught riding two-wheelers without helmets, triple riding, drunken-driving and other violations.

The checks were conducted in Devaraja, Narasimharaja, Lashkar, Krishnaraja, V.V. Puram and Siddartha Traffic Police limits. The Devaraja Police collected a fine amount of Rs. 46,100 by booking 387 cases while Narasimharaja Police booked a total of 700 cases (300 spot fines and 400 through notices) for various violations and collected Rs. 35,000 as fine amount.

City Traffic Police are not only imposing fines for helmetless riding but they are making sure that both the rider and the pillion wear helmets before proceeding further. If both do not have the helmets, they are asked to bring them from their respective homes before releasing their vehicles.

The Police are also monitoring the movement of vehicles at the Traffic Management Centre and those found violating the rules are being served notices to their respective residences.

Interceptors are also stationed at different locations to record the vehicles for over-speeding, helmetless riding, drunken-driving, driving without seat-belts, triple riding and other violations.

In a press release, the Police Commissioner has said that stringent action would be taken on those motorists travelling without a valid vehicle insurance. In case, motorists are caught without an insurance, such violators will be asked to get the new insurance done before the vehicles are released.

The City Traffic Police are expected to continue this drive for the next few days.

BLUNDER at the Oscars!

Warren Beatty cuts in to announce he made a mistake while the* La La Land *winner is making acceptance speech. Pic. right, the actual winners* Moonlight *after the confusion.

Los Angeles, Feb. 27- The 89th Academy Awards ended on a dramatic and embarrassing note after veteran actor and presenter of 'Best Picture' Warren Beatty wrongly announced the musical *'La La Land'* as the winner of the Oscar for Best Picture.

'Moonlight' was the winner.

The veteran actor then explained that he had been given a card naming Emma Stone, who had just won Best Actress award, as well as the name of the film *'La La Land'* in which she had acted. This led to the mistake.

In an embarrassment to the biggest event in Hollywood, just as the cast and crew of *'La La Land'* were midway through the acceptance speech after receiving the award, Warren Beatty walked back to the microphone with the winner's card in hand displaying to the cameras and stating that there was a mistake and that the film

This is reminiscent of what happened at the *Miss Universe-2015* when the host of the event Steve Harvey wrongly announced *Miss Colombia* Ariadna Gutierrez as the winner and then crowned her, but two minutes later had to announce *Miss Philippines* Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach as the actual winner.

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Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway

NHAI calls for fresh tenders; 10-lane HW to be ready by 2020

Mysuru, Feb. 27- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), which had cancelled the Dec. 6 tender for six-laning of Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, has now called for fresh tenders for which Apr.4 is the deadline.

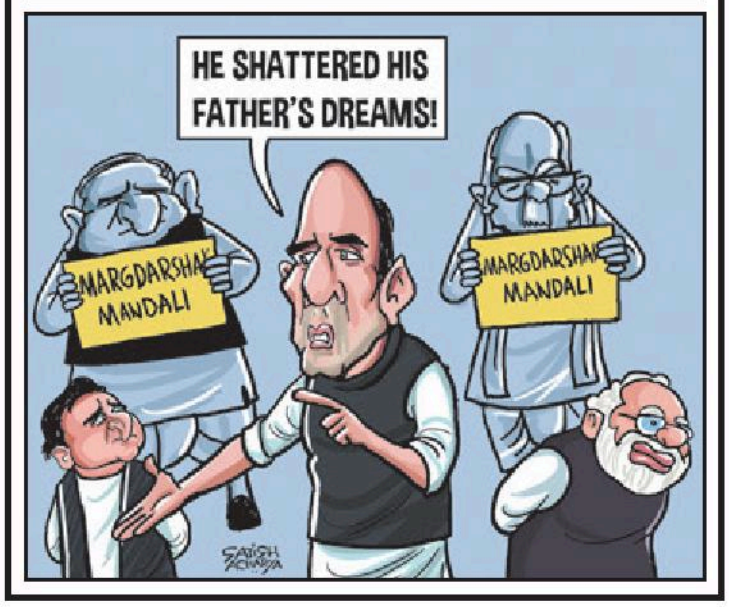
The reason for cancellation of the earlier tender, it seems, was to implement a new model called 'Hybrid Annuity' instead of the earlier 'Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer' (DBFOT) model. Reason for choosing the new model is because in the earlier DBFOT model, the successful bidder bore the entire project cost (minus land acquisition) but the Hybrid Annuity Model will involve NHAI funding 60 percent of the cost and the partner bringing in the balance equity. This is expected to increase the bids and number of players which could deliver good roads faster.

Also, the NHAI has divided the road work into two projects, one of 56.2-km between Bengaluru and Nidaghatta and the other 61.1-km between Nidaghatta-Mysuru. Interestingly, the 117-km project is now costing Rs. 4,153 crore which is Rs. 342 crore less than the earlier estimation. NHAI said the reason for splitting the project is to get the work completed faster as two developers will simultaneously start work from both ends.

The Expressway, which is expected to be commissioned by 2020, will have 10-lane Highway (HW) and the travel time between Mysuru-Bengaluru from Columbia Asia Hospital junction to NICE Road will be just 90 mins.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.

Mysuru, Monday 27th February 2017

Healthcare heading haywire

Seeking cures for ailments in a steadily growing range of seriousness, many of them nagging despite medication administered under instructions of the attending doctor(s), not to forget those that are life-threatening, seems to be the greatest challenge of people at large, cutting across virtually the entire cross section of society. One is prompted to modify the timeless expression "death-the-leveller" to the more appropriate version "disease-the-leveller." Resources needed for providing healthcare, starting from research to diagnose diseases as a basic step, trying remedies through experiments in laboratories to zero in on fail-free drugs, training medicos as the agents of delivering service as healers, creation of infrastructure for housing the patients, development of state-of-art equipment for use in surgical procedures and so on have just crossed limits of budgetary provisions being made by governments. While healthcare by private players is more than being supplemented, the factor of cost has assumed demonic dimensions, paving way for the system of medical insurance utilising which has bugged by all-too-familiar hassles.

While the Yashasvini Health Insurance by Government of Karnataka, formally launched as a co-operative farmers healthcare programme on Nov. 14, 2002 with more than 30 lakh beneficiaries in 30 districts of the State, ostensibly to provide expensive healthcare has proved to be a landmark measure in the country, the administration has to cover a lot of ground to make the scheme fulfil its target.

Even as the people are required to bestow at least the same attention to their wellness as they do to various mundane matters such as seeking residential sites (for example), the medical community is *unable* to reach consensus on 'what to do' with health insurance situation as it is. An illustration drawn from the United States of America goes like this: The *allergists* are in favour of *scratching* it, but the *dermatologists* advised not to make any rash moves. *Gastroenterologists* had sort of a *gut feeling* about it, but the *neurologists* thought the administration had a lot of *nerve*. Meanwhile, *obstetricians* felt certain everyone was *labouring* under a misconception while the *ophthalmologists* considered the idea short-sighted. *Pathologists* yelled "over my dead body," while the *paediatricians* said, "oh, grow up!" The *psychiatrists* thought the whole idea was *madness* while the *radiologists* could *see* right through it. To make a long story short, *surgeons* opined that this proposal would put a "whole new face on the matter." *Cardiologists* didn't have the heart to say no.

The forgoing storyline concludes with leaving the entire decision on "what to do" with health insurance to the *assholes* at the helm. Given Karnataka's own well-intended scheme heading haywire, the storyline and its conclusion cannot be any different.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Sometimes, it seems that to understand our complex society, all that we need to do is to understand our behaviour at traffic lights. Following rules is very easy, and at the same time also difficult. Following a rule has at least two components: one, the action corresponding to the rule, and the other our interpretation of the intention of that rule. Most times, when motorists jump a signal, they are not breaking a rule per se as much as interpreting it in terms of its original intention. They recognise that there is no traffic in front of them and then act based on their decision that red lights are not meant to be followed when there is no traffic. Some might suggest that it is useless to wait for two minutes at a signal when there is no traffic at all on the roads. How should we act in such cases? — *Sundar Sarukkai in The Hindu.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Robot with artificial Intelligence

Moscow: A Russian programmer from Perm unveiled his 3D-printed version of the T-800 robot featured in Cameron's famous blockbuster, and while it can currently only move its head, it is equipped with a "brain" that allows it to speak and even answer various questions, by looking up the answers on the internet. Osipovich inspired by the 'Terminator' (1984) movie featuring Arnold Schwarzenegger started working on a program that would one day act as the brain of his real-life T-800 machine. Over the next two years, he developed multiple versions of it in Visual Basic, and he received a detailed schematic for building his T-800 from Google, in 2013. It took him nearly 4 years to create all the necessary parts, but his T-800 is finally complete. All the parts have been printed and assembled, but because Alexander Osipovich couldn't get his hands on actuators strong enough to power its limbs, the menacing-looking robot remains confined to a wheelchair.

Dinner with Dissection

Birmingham: The unique experience involves a fancy dinner followed by a live dissection of what looks to be a real human body. Sam Piri, the man behind the Anatomy Lab Live experience, thought to feed his guests beforehand is a mystery. Anatomy Lab Live, which debuted recently at the Village Hotel in Solihull, outside Birmingham, starts off with a fancy dinner after everyone is done with their food, Sam Piri makes hie entrance, sporting a blue robe and operating gloves. He sinks his hands into the body on the table and pulls out a real heart and the lungs. At this point, guest with a weak stomach are very likely to throw up the dinner they voraciously devoured. Sam's company, Vivit Apparatus, has received a special license from the Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (Defra) to put on Anatomy Lab Live across the United Kingdom. He views is as an opportunity to educate people about the human body, and offer them some truly unique entertainment at the same time.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What are some natural remedies for cold sores?

Research suggests that lemon balm helps shorten the duration of a cold sore outbreak. Look for a lip balm with at least 1% lemon balm. Available in capsule or cream form, lysine has been shown to prevent outbreaks.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Selected for Global Young Social Entrepreneurs' Meet in Singapore

Aishwarya *Kaushal* *Monish*

Mysuru, Feb.27-Artville, one of Mysuru's first Green Businesses, co-founded by Aishwarya Sunaad (19 years), K.M. Kaushal (22 years) and V. Monish (18 years), has been selected from applications across the world to attend the Singapore International Foundation's (SIF) Global Young Social Entrepreneurs' (YSE) Meet in Singapore from March 15 to 18, to pitch the business idea for an 8-month mentorship with Harvard and MNCs like Ernst and Young, with a scale up investment of 20,000 dollars.

Launched in 2010, the YSE programme inspires, equips and enables youth of different nationalities to embark on social enterprises in Singapore and beyond. The programme also seeks to build a global network of social entrepreneurs from which the power of ideas, know-how and resources can be harnessed to enrich lives and effect positive change for a better world.

Earlier, in October 2016, Artville was the Indian delegation and the youngest of all delegates, to attend the Asia-Europe Youth Entrepreneurial Meet — for the ASEM youth from 54 countries — organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of Indonesia where it was placed second after Malaysia amongst the top 5 Grande Finalists which also included China, Czecho-Slovakia, and Indonesia at the Parliament House in Jakarta.

Really...?

- *Sharks and rays are the only animals known to man that don't get cancer. Scientists believe this has something to do with the fact that they don't have bones, but cartilage.*
- *Sloths take two weeks to digest their food.*
- *In the Durango desert, in Mexico, there's a creepy spot called the "Zone of Silence." You can't pick up clear TV or radio signals. And locals say fireballs sometimes appear in the sky.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

After a terrible fight...
Wife: *I want to hear a last word from your mouth and after that, I will permanently go to my mother's house.*
Husband: *"Taaaxi !"*

Today's Currency Rate

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1 Euro	= Rs. 70.40

VOICE OF THE READER

Banks must depute tech-savvy staff to help customers become digital-friendly

Sir,

Private sector or public sector, the response from the middle level management is pathetic. So very early in my career at Madurai, I learnt that it is always good to complain to the top management in case of any problem.

When I was posted at the *Madurai Ashok,* I had gone over to Bangalore for some official work and had picked up a *Vimal* saree from their showroom. When we checked up the material at Madurai I realised that the saree had a hole in the corner, which I had not noticed during purchase.

I promptly wrote a letter to the Regional Manager of *Vimal* and asked him to help me exchange the saree at his Madurai showroom. He refused.

If one recollects, in the nineties, full page advertisements had to released with the name and address of the Directors when any company released their prospectus for any public issue of shares. As a matter of chance Reliance had released a full page ad with the name and address of the Directors including Dhirubhai Ambani. I took a chance and wrote a letter to Ambani enclosing the copies of my correspondence with his Regional Manager. The final sentence of my letter was: *"As on today you have lost one Vimal customer."* Frankly, I had written the letter with no hope of any reply.

A fortnight later, I was surprised to see the apologetic Regional Manager at my doorstep with the copy of fax from Dhirubhai himself ordering him to go personally to Madurai and do the needful. This is how Dhirubhai Ambani built his empire. Every single customer was important.

The reason I am penning this old anecdote is that even presently this trick works! I have an account with a private sector bank at Mysuru. I am comfortable with computers but sometimes get lost in handling the smart phones and hence I requested the management of the local bank to help me with this so that I could also operate the mobile wallets.

In spite of many reminders, no help was forthcoming. I just browsed through the net, found out the mailing address of the Managing Director of the bank and mailed him my complaint. And lo, presto, within a week, two young men were standing outside my door to help me fix my problem! Later I did two mobile transfers too !

I am sure there must be thousands of such people who need help in downloading or operating these mobile wallets. Why don't our banks, both private and public depute some tech-savvy staff to help their existing customers become digital- friendly? So what are you waiting for? Approach your bankers and if they do not help, now you know where to go.

—N.K.A. Ballal
Mysuru 21.2.2017

Articles invited from students

Mysuru, Feb. 27-JSS Mahavidyapeeta, Mysuru, has invited articles from students to be published in 'Prasada', a bi-monthly magazine brought out by the Vidyapeeta. Students studying in PUC, Degree, Polytechnic and PG colleges can take part in the contest.

Interested may send their articles on the topic 'Role of Religious Institutions in a society'. The articles, written in 6-8 pages, may be sent to Director, Prasada Article Competition, Publication Division, JSS Mahavidyapeeta, Mysuru -570004 before March 25. For details, contact Ph:0821 - 2548211 or 2548212.

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Two-day workshop on Human Development held at St. Philos

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (KS) - A two-day workshop on Human Values Development Programme for faculty of Christian Colleges in India, organised by All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE) was held at St. Philomena's College Auditorium here recently.

Dr. D. Daniel Ezhilarasu, General Secretary, AIACHE who was the chief guest, said that the workshop was one of its kind and added that if the youth would inculcate human values, then the 'whole country would be clean'.

He expressed his gratitude for the education he received at Christian institutions that instilled human values in him.

Dr. Daniel said that each teacher can at least change one student and mentioned about how changing attitude and behaviour of a person was a tough task. He concluded by asking the participants to make children commit and also make them aware of the various social issues.

Nearly 60 faculty members from 12 different higher educational institutions participated in the workshop.

Earlier, the inauguration ceremony was presided by Dr. Jayakar Chellaraj, former Principal of Bishop Heber College, Trichy.

Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras, Rector, Rev. Fr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Vice-Principal and Ronald Prakash Cutinha, Librarian & IQAC Co-ordinator of St. Philomena's College were present on the occasion.

Annual Day at Hardwicke High School tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 27-The annual day celebrations of Hardwicke Educational Institutions will be held tomorrow (Feb.28) at the School premises on JLB Road in city at 5.30 pm. The event will be inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Mohan Manoraj, Bishop, Karnataka Southern Diocese of the Church of South India, Mangaluru. CSI-KSD Mysuru Vice President Rev. Sister Sujatha will preside.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna will deliver the key-note address. Alfred Joshi from Mangaluru, BEO (South Zone) M. Raju, Karnataka Southern Diocese (KSD) Secretary William Keri, KSD Treasurer Vincent Palanna, Mysuru Diocese President Rev. P. Gurushantha, Hardwicke Educational Institutions Convenor Franklin Christopher will distribute the prizes.

Mysuru Diocese former President Rev. Victor, Bishop Narman Car Sargent College Principal Prof. Samson Jayanth Sadu, Hardwicke PU College Principal Hirimarali Dharmaraju will be special invitees. Hardwicke High School Head Master Gurubhaktaiah will be present.

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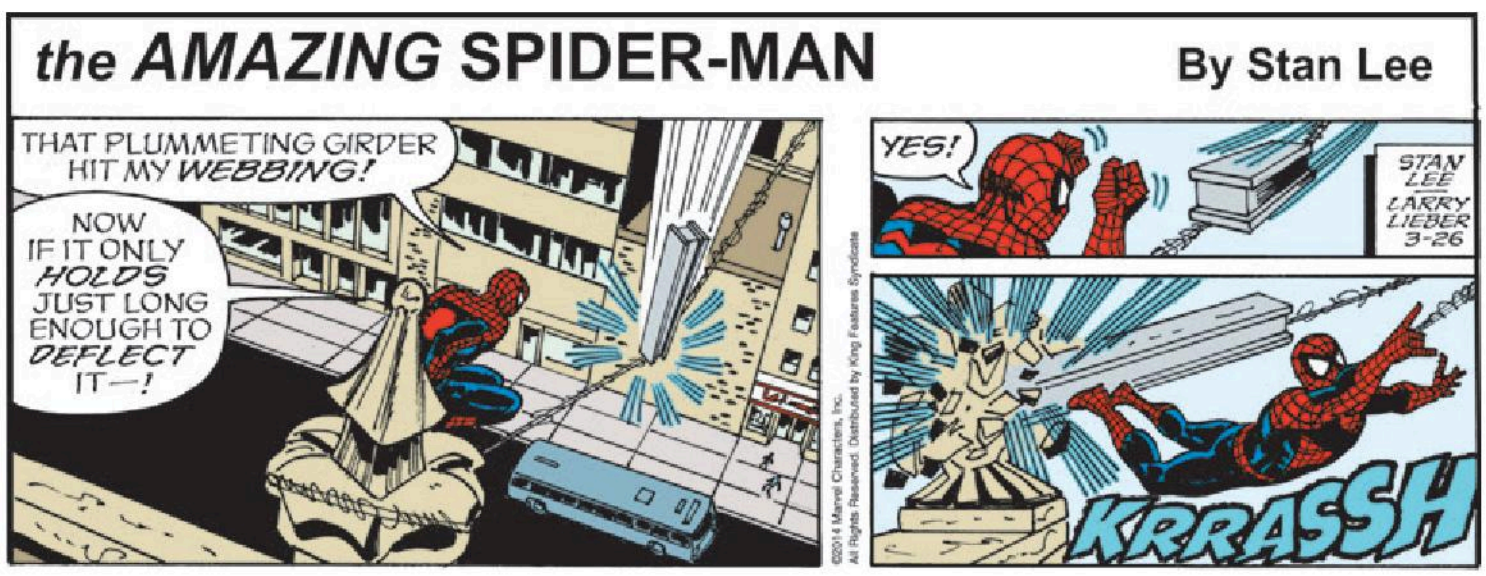
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NEWS BRIEFS

Training at RUDSETI

RUDSET Institute, Mysuru, has invited applications from the youth in the age group of 18 to 45 years for different skill training programmes — Computer TALLY (30-day), Sheep & Goat Rearing (6-day) and Dress Designing for women (30-day) — on residential basis. The training programme will be free of cost including boarding and lodging. Unemployed youth who are interested to participate and are residents of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts may directly apply for the training or by visiting the Institute during office hours. For information, contact The Director, RUDSET Institute, Main Road, Hinkal, Mysuru - 570 030 or call Ph: 0821-2519663 or Mob: 88845-54510.

Entrance exam postponed

The entrance exam for the admission to 6th standard in Morarji Desai / Kittur Rani Chennamma / Ekalavya Model / Atal Bihari Vajpayee Residential Schools, which was scheduled to be held on Feb. 19, has been postponed to Mar. 5 due to unavoidable circumstances, according to a press release from Social Welfare Department Joint Director.

Arya Ediga mass marriage

The Arya Ediga Seva Samiti will be organising a mass marriage programme for community members on Mar.23 in the city. Prospective brides and grooms of Arya Ediga community from Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts can register at the District Arya Edigara Sangha office located on New Kantharaj Urs Road before Mar.16, according to Samiti President P. Devaraj.

Quiz contest

JSS Polytechnic for the Differently-Abled, Manasagangothri, has organised a quiz competition for the Mysuru Region Polytechnic Students on Mar. 5. Interested may register their names before Mar. 2 through e-mail: jsspdaalumiassociation@gmail.com. Only two teams (two candidates in a team) from each Polytechnic can participate in the contest. For details, contact Alumni Association Co-ordinator D.V. Nandini on Mob: 99015-91463.

Elected

The following were elected unopposed to the Managing Committee of Sri Bhuvaneshwari Credit Co-op. Society for a period of five years from 2016-17 to 2017-22 at the elections held on Feb.21: C.S. Nagaraj, R. Narayan, T.A. Madhukar, E.K.Rajan Babu, M. Vijayalakshmi, M.S.Shivakumaraswamy, B.M. Shivashankar, K.Shivananda, Shanthi V.Hegde, C. Suresh and M. Subramanya Bhat.

HDK says will release documents of payments made by BJP leaders if Union Govt. promises action

Kushalnagar, Feb. 27 - Former Chief Minister and State JD(S) President H.D. Kumaraswamy said that he would release documents pertaining to payments made by State BJP leaders to top BJP leaders if the Union Government promises to take action against such BJP leaders.

Speaking to press persons at Basavanahalli Helipad near here yesterday, Kumaraswamy claimed that he had documents of payments made through cheques by BJP leaders to the Party's Central leaders.

Maintaining that release of documents without a guarantee of probe will not be of much use, the JD(S) leader clarified that the release of documents would not be a mere publicity act.

Asserting that no Congress leader had approached him seeking the documents that he has in possession, Kumaraswamy said that the leaders of both the National parties — BJP and the Congress — had looted the State to make payments to their leaders. Claiming that he had made public the payments by National party leaders, long back, Kumaraswamy said that payments made over the years is testimony to the fact that the leaders of the two National parties had looted the State's wealth.

State JD(S) President H.D. Kumaraswamy addressing press persons yesterday as Kodagu District JD(S) President Sanketh Poovaiah and others look on.

JD(S) will do well in Kodagu:

Replying to a question on the Party's prospects in the next year's Assembly Polls, Kumaraswamy expressed hope that the JD (S) will win both the Assembly segments in Kodagu.

Reminding that the Party candidate B.A. Jeevijaya has lost by a narrow margin in the last Assembly Polls, the JD (S) leader complimented the Party's district President Sanketh Poovaiah for his organisational skills.

Noting that Kodagu has been facing burning problems such as wild elephant attack, poor roads and destruction of forest, Kumaraswamy reiterated that the Party will win both the Assembly seats (Virajpet and Madikeri) in Kodagu in the 2018 polls.

Kodagu District JD(S) President Sanketh Poovaiah, MLA G.T. Devegowda, leaders B.A. Jeevijaya, K. Mahadev and others were present.

Two held for transporting red sanders

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (PM&KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police on Saturday evening have arrested two persons on charges of illegally transporting pieces of red sanders in city and have seized 10 pieces from them.

The arrested persons have been identified as 28-year-old Anil Kumar and 35-year-old Venugopal, both residents of Srirangapatna taluk in Mandya district.

The accused, who were arrested by CCB Inspector K.C. Prakash and staff near Highway Circle have been remanded to judicial custody.

Mandi Police have registered a case in this regard.

Forest workers combating fire in Bandipur

Mysureans play good Samaritans

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (US&MTY)- Mysureans have played good Samaritans by offering fruits, juices, water and snacks to Forest Department staff and volunteers engaged in dousing wild fire in Bandipur forest range.

About 400 people are engaged in extinguishing the raging fire and the Forest Department Officials had pleaded for help as acute shortage of food and water was a problem. The campaign to collect food and water from donors began at the Zoo premises here on Friday and Zoo authorities arranged 500kg water melon and 200kg of banana. A few members of public offered biscuits, buns, bread, chocolates, bottles of water and juices.

Members of Eco-Green Force provided 175 re-usable fire masks, 175 goggles, 10 fire jackets, 50 tubes of ointment for burns, 30 cans of transport water to extinguish fire.

Eco-Green Force President Pankaj Jain, Secretary Sushmin and other members handed over the items to DRFO (Bandipur range) Anil.

Yesterday too a Tata Ace vehicle filled with fruits and other items was despatched to Bandipur.

Helping hands to combat Forests on Fire

Several organisations and individuals are responding for the call by the Department of Forests. Water, jaggery, fruits, ORS, Bread and fruit juices are being brought by organisations and individuals to the Mysore Zoo and the authorities have made arrangements to send the donated food and beverage to various forest camps where Department staff and volunteers are working day and night to douse the forest fire.

Mysureans have always demonstrated concern whenever nature ravages and have stepped in with inputs required to quench the thirst and hunger. This is yet again a show of commitment to do their bit to protect forest which they have always enjoyed when it's green.

Mythri Jain Milan

Mythri Jain Milan, Mysuru, a unit of Bharatiya Jain Milan, too donated more than Rs. 25,000 worth items like jaggery, bread and jam, ORS and mineral water cans to the Department of Forest to be distributed to the forest workers engaged in dousing forest fire in Bandipur Range.

NOTE: The generous public can also donate such items at the security gate of Mysore Zoo, opposite Race Course on M.G. Road.

Basava Jayanti preliminary meeting tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.27 (SPN&DM)- A preliminary meeting in connection with Basava Jayanti celebrations has been convened at Suttur Mutt premises in city at 4.30 pm tomorrow (Feb.28).

The meeting, to be chaired by Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, will be attended by members of Basava Balaga Okkoota, Veerashaiva community leaders and Seers of various Mutts. For details, contact Mob: 94480-53829.

Obituary

Gurunath

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Gurunath (84), senior member of Sri Kanaka Jayanthotsava Samithi and a resident of Hosabandikeri, passed away yesterday afternoon at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind two daughters, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill here this morning.

N. Narasegowda

N. Narasegowda (Dayananda), son of late Yele Angadi Narasaiah and a resident of Rathan Singh Street in Mandi Mohalla, passed away yesterday night. He was 59.

Narasegowda, who served as a Forest Watcher in the Forest Department, leaves behind his wife, a daughter, son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds in Bannimantap here this afternoon, according to family sources.

Gyan-Vigyan Mela concludes

Sri Trinethra Mahantha Shivayogi Swamiji, Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya's Hubballi Region Director Dr. Basavaraj Rajarushi, Vidyalaya Education Wing Vice-Chairperson Rajayogi B.K. Mruthyunjayaji, Rajayogini B.K. Lakshmiji, former Minister S.A. Ramdas and others were present during the valedictory of Gyan-Vigyan Divya Darshan Mela in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (SBD&VNS)- The Gyan-Vigyan Divya Darshan Mela organised by Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya at Maharaja College Grounds concluded with an All Religion Meet yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Vidyalaya Education Wing Vice-Chairperson Rajayogi B.K. Mruthyunjayaji, said that today the society was witnessing violence and unrest. He also said that people have failed to follow the basic principles of Dharma.

"People have become greedy, corrupt and have fallen prey to bad habits. It is important for religious institutions to spread the message of Dharma and importance of peace and harmony," he added. Mruthyunjayaji also hailed the service of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya in Mysuru.

Vidyalaya's Hubballi Region Director Dr. Basavaraj Rajarushi, Bebi Mutt Seer Sri Trinethra Mahantha Shivayogi Swamiji, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama's Swami Shanthivrathananadaji, Sufi Saint Maulana Syeed Ibrahim Shah Khadri, Alfah Allah National School Principal Maulana Ayub Ansari Rasabbi Vadhavi, Dyanavana International Spiritual Centre Director Rev. Fr. Dominic C. Vaz and Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya Mysuru's Chief Convenor Rajayogini B.K. Lakshmiji delivered the spiritual address.

Deputy Mayor Rathna Lakshman, former Minster S.A. Ramdas, BJP City General Secretary H.V. Rajeev, Rajayogini Ambikaji & B.K. Daneshwari were present.

Thousands of the devotees visited the Mela over the past 15 days and got the glimpse of the replica of Amarnath Cave and Jyothirlingas.

Mysuru lad figures in PM's Mann Ki Baat

Santosh

Mysuru, Feb.27 (RKB&DM)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called upon the citizens of the country to follow the example set by Mysuru-based Santosh in cashless digital payments.

During his 29th Mann Ki Baat programme aired on Sunday, Modi said that the country is moving towards digital economy and apps are helping the common man connect with digitalisation.

Pointing out that the Lucky Grahak Yojana scheme was introduced to promote cashless digital payments, where 15,000 people based on lucky draws are rewarded with a cash prize daily, Modi mentioned that **Santosh, a resident of Mysuru** has been rewarded under the scheme.

Modi further said that Santosh had displayed humanity by donating the Rs. 1,000 cash prize to a woman named Bhagyamma of Kumbarakoppal, who lost her house in a fire mishap caused due to a gas leak on Feb.2.

Santosh is the son of P.R. Prem Kumar Patange of Tilak Nagar who owns engine oil and lubricants shop in the city.

Former PM H.D. Deve Gowda offers speical pujas at Chunchanagiri

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and his wife Channamma visited the Adichunchanagiri Mutt in Nagamangala taluk and offered special pujas at Sri Kalabhairaveshwara Temple. The couple, who were recieved by Sri Niramalanandanatha Swamiji, offered Panchamruthaabhisheka, Bhasmabhisheka, Bilwabhisheka, Pushpabhisheka and other pujas. Later, they also offered special pujas to the gadduge of Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji. MLC K.T. Srikantegowda, Mutt Secretary Prasannanathaswamiji, Hassan Branch Mutt Seer Sri Shambunathaswamiji and others were present.

'Amma' seeks blessings of Pejawar Seer

Mata Amritanandamayi (Amma) visited Sri Krishna Mutt in Udupi yesterday and sought the blessing of Lord Sri Krishna and Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishweshatheertha Swamiji. Former Deputy CM K.S. Eshwarappa and Santosh Guruji of Ayur Ashram are also seen.

Re-installation of *Gopura Kalasha* begins at Srirangapatna

Srirangapatna, Feb. 27- MLA Ramesh Babu Bandisiddegowda inaugurated the re-installation of *Gopura Kalasha* of Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, here yesterday. A group of Priests led by Temple's Chief Priest Vijayasarathi, performed Kumbhabhisheka and other rituals. Temple Administrative Officer Dhanalakshmi, ADC B.R. Poornima & AC R. Yashoda were present.

Reality shows are scripted,

even the comments by the judges are known ...

If you dance from the heart, your feet will follow.' **Devesh Mirchandani,** the well-known Choreographer of Mumbai, not only lives his own life by the above motto but also makes his students believe in it. No wonder, his workshops are hugely popular. He has been conducting dance workshops in Mysuru for the past two years and is planning to set up a Dance Academy in Namma Mysuru. Devesh was in city recently to conduct a ten-day Kathakwood (a mix of Kathak and Bollywood style) workshop for amateurs. Organised in association with Roma's Dance School, the workshop culminated with participants giving a sizzling performance at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium. On behalf of *Star of Mysore,* **Sujata Rajpal** caught up with the versatile choreographer after the show. **Excerpts:**

By Sujata Rajpal

> "Dancers have a shelf life. The journey of a professional dancer cruises through a student to an assistant to a teacher to a choreographer and then your own Dance Academy. Those who want to take up dancing as a profession should have the complete plan in mind..."
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> *—Devesh Mirchandani, well-known Choreographer from Mumbai*

Star of Mysore (SOM): It's good news that you are planning to set up a Dance Academy in Mysuru. Why did you choose Mysuru of all the places?

Devesh: Mysuru is known as a pensioners' paradise but I would like to start a new venture here and not settle down here after retirement. The cleanest city tag is an attraction enough for people to make Mysuru their home. The calming factor of the city catches on you quickly. This is my second visit to Mysuru and I am already in love with its serene surroundings. The city has a huge potential for art and culture-related activities. People are very welcoming and open to learning something new. I want to start an Academy which will offer courses in Kathak, Bollywood and other dance styles for students who want to dance as well as learn a new skill.

SOM: Tell us about your journey so far.

Devesh: When I was three-years-old, I knew I wanted to become a dancer. When I was 16 and training in a gym, the gym instructor was so impressed with my aerobics that he gave me a job to train adults. That was the first time, I realised that it is possible to earn money through dance but in our society, dance is considered a hobby and not a profession. Later I participated in a reality show named '*Dil Se Naachein Indiawaale*' by *Zee TV* which brought me into limelight and I got my first opportunity to conduct a dance workshop at Cali in Colombia. There has been no looking back since then. That was the beginning of a plethora of opportunities.

I have conducted workshops in China, Taiwan, South America and many other countries. My professional journey got another boost when I started assisting choreographer Longinus Fernandes and worked on a few ads and songs. My first break was to assist the choreographer for the song '*Aaj blue hai pani pani pani...*' from the movie *Yaariyan* for YoYo Honey Singh. At that time, I didn't even know who Honey Singh was but it was nice working with him. I have also choreographed ad films including Candyman and Symphony mobiles. During the course, I have met many actors.

Once I was backstage for the launch of '*Dance with Madhuri.*' Suddenly I heard someone call me, I turned back to see Madhuriji addressing me. I was mesmerised by her beauty and aura. Her humility was touching. She had watched my videos and appreciated my dance. Being a newbie in the industry at that time, it was a high moment for me. Once SRK told me that he would want to dance with me. These off camera comments were very encouraging. I am trained in Jazz and Kathak but Kathak-Bollywood is my signature style.

SOM: What is your advice for youngsters who want to take up dance as a profession?

Devesh: There is no age limit to start learning dance. To become a dancer, one needs to be fit and passionate about dance. Be shameless when you dance, that's what I tell my students. Forget what people will think about you. Borrowing a dialogue from *Three Idiots* — if you run after excellence, success will follow. Practice is very important to hone any skill. I have been in this profession for almost twelve years, I practice for six to seven hours every day even now. I want to give it to people what I have and live through them. Dancers have a shelf life. The journey of a professional dancer cruises through a student to assistant to teacher to a choreographer and then your own Dance Academy. Those who want to take up dancing as a profession should have the complete plan in mind. When I was struggling, people discouraged me, no one believed that dance can be taken as a profession. Relatives mocked, they boasted about their children who were engineers or doctors but now I earn in a month what they earn in an entire year. But education is important, it will always help you in life. I am not only living my passion but also get to travel and meet new people.

SOM: How is your experience teaching Bollywood to people from various countries?

Devesh: Dance is universal, it doesn't have a language. I have conducted workshops in Taiwan, Chilli, Columbia, China and many other cities in India and abroad. Bollywood is hugely popular overseas. I want to spread awareness about Kathak and Bollywood mix style. It is amazing how gracefully Chinese girls perform Kathak. The foreigners are intrigued by the versatility that Indian dance forms offer. I always have a translator with me who translates the meaning of lyrics because to express emotions, it is important to know the meaning.

SOM: What is your opinion about reality shows?

Devesh: I am not a big fan of reality shows though they are a great platform to showcase talent. The reality shows are scripted right from *Bigg Boss* to *Indian Idol*. So what we see is not always true. Such shows for adults are fine but it should be a big NO for children. It's a pity when parents make their small children miss school and make them participate in reality shows, exposing them to cut throat competitions very early in life. It is good to recognise a potential and help it shine but not at the cost of their innocence, childhood and education.

SOM: In your class, you must be having a motley of good, average and bad dancers. How do you customise the dance steps to suit everyone?

Devesh: I believe that everyone can dance though the levels of dancing may differ. I see the strength of my students on the first day, understand their potential and modify the steps accordingly so that the freshers get to learn and even advanced students find it challenging and enjoy. I customise the steps according to their potential. For a teacher, good temperament is equally important.

SOM: Do you have any role model?

Devesh: I admire many dancers — Madhuri Dixit, Rani Mukerji, Hrithik Roshan, Varun Dhawan, Shahid Kapoor. After I started focusing on Kathak, I have become spiritual and stopped eating non-vegetarian food.

Lord Krishna, who was also known as a dancer, is my role model.

'Kukkarahalli Lake Development works taken up with public support'

Says Mysore Varsity authorities

Mysuru, Feb.27 (DVG) - Stating that the de-silting and other development works have been taken up at Kukkarahalli Lake without causing any damage to the environment, University of Mysore Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna has maintained that the ongoing works have public support.

Pointing out that the then DC had convened a meeting of environmentalists and officials on Mar.11, 2016, after apprehensions were raised that some members of the public and environmentalists may pose a hurdle to the works, Prof. Rajanna said that the meeting saw support from all quarters following which the works were taken up.

But as some members of the public continued to oppose the de-silting and other developmental works at the Lake, the University incharge Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dayananda Mane, Registrar Prof. J. Somashekar, Syndicate member M.S.S. Kumar, University Executive Engineer H. Kishore Chandra, Horticulture Officer S.K. Mujawar and other University faculty visited the Lake on Feb.23, when the acting VC said that no structures are coming up at Kukkarahalli Lake and only de-silting is being done in areas where water is less. Also such de-silting will largely help in expanding water storage and retention capacity of the Lake and will have no impact on the environment.

The visiting team members and others at the site, agreed with the VC's statement, Prof. Rajanna said.

Meanwhile, Kukkarahalli Lake Protection Committee Convenor Prof. K.M. Jayaramaiah has asked the contractor not to disturb the nesting birds at the northern bund of the Lake and also to ensure that no stench emanates from pits, which are filled with algae at the western and eastern bunds of the Lake.

The March 11, 2016 meeting on Kukkarahalli Lake development chaired by the then DC had approved installation of e-water hormonisers, construction of a boating arena, orchidarium, a butterfly park and other works.

Will Mysureans join environmentalists to Save Kukkarahalli Lake?

By Bhamy V. Shenoy

It is a crying shame that Mysore University, which has access to the science of harmful impact of de-silting, is bent upon carrying out the process at Kukkarahalli Lake despite protests by the environmentalists. It is difficult to find any expert who would support desilting given the limited technical ability to de-silt without harming the lake. Authorities have not showed any study to show how de-silting will help the Lake.

Those who believe in the positive effect of de-silting may be influenced by the need to de-silt dams or river bed to store more water. But a lake bed is entirely different. In the former there is continuous flow of water. But it is not the case with Kukkarahalli Lake. One cannot remember when there was overflow there. It is true there are some lakes where de-silting (in 2013, Beed district of Maharashtra succeeded in improving water supply when dried up lakes were de-silted) has been beneficial. As shown here, Kukkarahalli Lake does not meet any of the criterion for de-silting suggested by the experts.

Pushkar Lake in Rajasthan is often quoted by experts to convince those who believe in de-silting. It went dry in 2009. Several hydrologists had recommended against the de-silting. But the government did not heed to their advice the same way authorities are ignoring the advice of the experts in Mysuru. Rupees 65 crore spent to save Pushkar went down the drains!

De-silting leads to percolation of water body if it is not done properly. Also when there has not been any overflow of the Lake, what is the need for de-silting? What is needed is clearing water channels feeding water into Kukkarahalli Lake. MGP and other NGOs have been fighting for such a project for years. Unfortunately, instead of implementing the urgently needed project, authorities are carrying out a project which is sure to dry up the Lake.

Latest argument of the authorities is that they will de-silt only the dried part of the Lake bed. What is the burning need to de-silt it? When water flows into the Lake during rainy season and dry bed is under water, de-silting will only increase the chances of percolation and hasten the chances of Lake going dry. This has been seen time and again in most cases of similar de-silting. If there is enough expertise only to remove silt accumulated without scrapping the layer of the lake bed which stops any percolation, and also there is absolute need, then one can justify de-silting. In the case of Kukkarahalli, it is not the case. Just because funds have been sanctioned and may be taken away, should not be a rationale for spending money.

In a democracy, projects like this (implemented by government authorities or elected leaders) can be stopped when masses show their opposition in large numbers.

Mysureans have taken interest and joined NGOs like MGP in large numbers to save People's Park (otherwise library would have been built a long time back) and Chamundi Hill (MGP's PIL is making its way through the High Court slowly). Same interest needs to be demonstrated by Mysureans if we want to save Kukkarahalli especially when science to oppose de-silting is unquestionable.

BJP Yuva Morcha activists condemn Minister's remark

The activists of City BJP Yuva Morcha staged a torchlight protest in front of Mahatma Gandhi's bust near Law Courts complex in Mysuru on Sunday evening condemning the statements of Food and Civil Supplies Minister U. T. Khader against the Sangh Parivar.

Controversy over 'chappal' remark

Minister Khader tries to assuage tempers

Mangaluru, Feb. 27- Minister U. T. Khader found himself in the whirlpool of criticisms for his remarks at a programme here in which he had said that those protesting the visit of Kerala Chief Minister (CM) Pinarayi Vijayan were not even fit to be compared with the CM's chappals and that those opposing the Constitution should be hit with footwear.

Khader

His remarks had come at a programme in which Pinarayi Vijayan was the chief guest.

After the tone and tenor of his statement received widespread opposition, Khader clarified that he had not made these utterances to insult or deride anyone.

"A Constitutionally elected CM of our neighbouring State, who is a Statesman aged 70, had come here as our guest. I was pained at the damage suffered by the standing and cultural heritage of our district during his visit. Out of the agony I suffered on these counts, I expressed my feelings," he stated.

St. Philomena's Church premises spruced up to receive new Bishop this evening

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (MTY&KS) - St. Philomena's Church, which is more than 200-years-old and one of the major tourist attractions in Mysuru, is being spruced up for the consecration ceremony of Rev. K.A. William, who has been appointed as the new Bishop of Mysore Diocese by Pope Francis.

Rev. K.A. William

The consecration ceremony will be held between 4.30 pm and 7 pm at the Church premises today evening.

A 70x40 ft. stage has been erected and decorated in the Church premises by about 300 workers while seating arrangements have been made by putting up more than 8000 chairs at the venue.

Fr. N.T. Joseph, Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Cathedral, told *SOM* that about 24 Bishops, Priests from various Churches across the State and Ministers Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Tanveer Sait and K.J. George will be attending the consecration ceremony.

He said that former Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Antony Vazhapilly, who is the Apostolic Administrator of Mysore Diocese will be the Principal Consecrator while Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Arch-Diocese of Bengaluru and Most Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Swamy, Bishop of Chikkamagalur Diocese will be the Co-Consecrators.

He said that the before the commencement of the consecration ceremony, new Bishop Rev. Msgr. K.A. William, accompanied by various Bishops and Priests will be taken in a procession from the front gate of the Church to the stage where the ceremony will be held.

After the consecration ceremony, a farewell function has been organised for outgoing Bishop Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Vazhapilly, said Fr. N.T. Joseph and added that guests and dignitaries would be felicitated on the occasion.

Kannada Catholic Chraisthara Sangha to boycott consecration

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (KS) - The members of Kannada Catholic Chraisthara Sangha have decided to boycott the consecration ceremony of Rev. K.A. William as the Bishop of Mysore today evening.

The President of the Sangha, in a press release, has said: "In 14 Roman Catholic Dioceses in the State, all the Bishops are non-Kannadigas. On many occasions, we had appealed to the out-going Bishop to recommend to the Pope to at least appoint one Kannada Priest from the State to the post but unfortunately none had done so."

He has also stated that the former Bishop had recommended his close associate Fr. K.A. William, "a Tamil Priest, who is accused of criminal charges in the Court of Law." The release further stated that the Sangha has decided not to congratulate the new Bishop nor attend his consecration ceremony.

The Sangha President also stated that while they are unhappy with the appointment of the new Bishop they will not hold any sort of protests during the religious ceremony, but would continue their fight and struggle against injustice on Kannadigas through legal and peaceful means.

Sunil Bose appears before Court; hearing adjourned to Mar. 6

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (MTY&DM)- Sunil Bose, son of PWD and District Incharge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, appeared before the Third Additional District and Sessions Court this morning in connection with a graft case.

Bose and his friend Raju were accused by Alphonsus, a senior Geologist of Mines and Geology Department of forcing him to accept a bribe of Rs. 1 lakh in connection with illegal transportation of sand.

While Alphonsus is the first accused, Bose is the second accused and Bose's associate Raju is the third accused.

As soon as the hearing in the case began this morning, Alphonsus and Bose appeared before the court along with their advocates while the third accused Raju's lawyer submitted a petition seeking exemption for the appearance of Raju on medical grounds. Raju's lawyer submitted a medical certificate in support of his petition.

However, Judge S. Sudheendranath rejected Raju's fresh petition seeking exemption from appearance while also slamming Raju's lawyer for the petition. Judge Sudheendranath later adjourned the hearing to March 6, 2017, asking all the three accused to be compulsorily present on that day.

And the Oscar goes to...

Best Film: *Moonlight*
Best Actress: Emma Stone *(La La Land)*
Best Actor: Casey Affleck *(Manchester By The Sea)*
Best Director: Damien Chazelle *(La La Land)*
Best Supporting Actress: Viola Davis *(Fences)*
Best Supporting Actor: Mahershala Ali *(Moonlight)*
Best Original Screenplay: Kenneth Lonergan *(Manchester By The Sea)*
Best Adapted Screenplay: Barry Jenkins and Tarell Alvin McCraney *(Moonlight)*
Best Cinematography: Linus Sandgren *(La La Land)*
Best Original Score: Justin Hurwitz *(La La Land)*
Best Original Song: Justin Hurwitz, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul *(La La Land)*
Best Sound Editing: Sylvain Bellemare *(Arrival)*
Best Foreign Language Film: Asghar Farhadi *(The Salesman)*
Best Film Editing: John Gilbert *(Hacksaw Ridge)*
Best Visual Effects: Robert Legato, Adam Valdez, Andrew R. Jones and Dan Lemmon *(The Jungle Book)*
Best Production Design: David Wasco and Sandy Reynolds Wasco *(La La Land)*
Best Sound Mixing: Kevin O'Connell, Andy Wright, Robert Mackenzie and Peter Grace *(Hacksaw Ridge)*
Best Documentary Feature: Ezra Edelman and Caroline Waterlow *(O.J.: Made in America)*
Best Animated Film: Byron Howard, Rich Moore and Clark Spencer *(Zootopia)*
Best Animated Short Film: Alan Barillaro and Marc Sondheimer *(Piper)*
Best Documentary Short Subject: Orlando von Einsiedel and Joanna Natasegara *(The White Helmets)*
Best Live Action Short Film: Kristof Deak and Anna Udvardy *(Sing)*
Best Make-up: Alessandro Bertolazzi, Giorgio Gregorini and Christopher Nelson *(Suicide Squad)*
Best Costume Design: Colleen Atwood *(Fantastic Beast and Where To Find Them)*

2-day Visioning Workshop begins at CIIL

Prof. H.M. Maheshwaraiah, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, is seen addressing the gathering during the inauguration of 'Visioning Workshop and Project Preparation' at CIIL premises in Manasagangothri this morning.

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (RKB&DM)- A two-day 'Visioning Workshop and Project Preparation,' organised by Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK), began at Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) premises in Manasagangothri here this morning. CIIL Director Prof. D.G. Rao inaugurated the workshop.

Speaking at the workshop, Prof. H.M. Maheshwaraiah, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, explained the need for careful drafting of a road map for the functioning of the Centre of Excellence.

Regretting that the State is yet to reap the benefits of Classical language status for Kannada, he underlined the need for a perfect co-ordination between all those working to develop Kannada, including the Department of Kannada and Culture, Kannada Development Authority, Universities across the State and Kannada Sahitya Academy, for bringing Central funds and spending appropriately.

Pointing out that the Union Government has to sanction Rs. 50 crore for the Centre, Prof. Maheshwaraiah regretted that we fail in overcoming technical hurdles and to draw up a plan to have a Central Institute of Classical Kannada on the lines of one in Tamil Nadu.

Senior Kannada Scholar Prof. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry, in his keynote address, observed that the workshop should come up with the best road map for the next 10 years.

Noting that *'Kannada Abhijata Sahitya mattu Adhyayana,'* brought out by Hampi Kannada University in 2009, would be of much help in drafting action plan for utilisation of Central funds, he appealed all stake-holders to make sincere efforts in drafting the most appropriate action plan for the development of Kannada which was accorded the Classical status even before Tamil and Telugu could get it.

Kannada Development Authority Chairman Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah, CESCK Director Prof. P.K. Khandoba and others were present. Nearly 100 Kannada scholars, Research students and others involved in promoting Kannada are attending this workshop which concludes tomorrow.

Health camp

Mysuru, Feb.27- JSS Hospital, Mysuru, has organised a free health check-up camp for beneficiaries of Vajpayee Arogyashree scheme on Feb. 28 between 10 am and 2 pm at Chamarajanagar District Hospital. For details, contact Mob: 89708-27173.

Minister lays foundation stone for Varuna, Biligere Police Stations

Mysuru, Feb.27- Observing that Police Stations will help people become law abiding citizens, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa said that nobody is above the law and all are equal before the law.

Speaking after laying the foundation stone for two Grade-III Police Stations at Megalapura in the taluk yesterday, Dr. Mahadevappa said that the setting up of Police Stations helps people become law abiding citizens which enables the State to become a welfare State.

Pointing out that Police Officers, who work in Police Stations should not discriminate among people, he said that they should discharge their duties irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

Asserting that no erring Policeman will be spared, the Minister said that apart from Cauvery water related issues, the overall law and order situation when compared to other States was good in Karnataka. The new buildings will come up at Megalapura in Varuna hobli in Mysuru taluk and Biligere in Nanjangud taluk.

The new Police Stations will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.08 crore and the construction works would be completed within 10 months. The new buildings will have separate rooms for Station-in-charge Sub-Inspector, Wireless, Computer and Documents sections, separate cells for men & women offenders and toilets.

Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan, who also spoke on the occasion, said that atrocities on Dalits in Karnataka was far less in Karnataka as compared to other States such as Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Claiming that the Law and Order is good in Karnataka, the MP said that the only set back is the low conviction rate.

Noting that the recent verdict on Dalit killings at Kambalapalli village in Kolar district by the High Court is also a lesson for Police Officers to come out with proof and evidences, Dhruvanarayan said that although law and order was well under control in the State, the severity of punishment for crimes needed to the increased as it was shocking to note how in many instances the culprits escaped severe retribution.

IGP (Southern Range) Vipul Kumar, SP Ravi D. Channannavar, Additional SP Kala Krishnaswamy, Dy.SP Vikram Amte, ZP Member Bhagya, TP Member Anjali Somanna and others were present during the programme.

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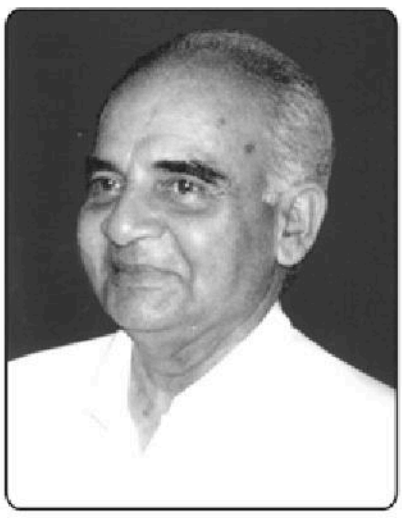

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Harmony for buildings

The term 'Feng Shui Compatibility' is actually the influence of how the energy of a building affects a person (or the people) living or working in it.

Feng Shui per se has a wide range of levels, from the individual energy of the building, to the individual energy of the person, to the energy of the year, etc. In other words it's a study of the "building-person compatibility" which is analysing how the energy of a building supports or disturbs the person living or working in that building. When aligned and tuned properly the energy of a building can aid in the progress or act as an obstacle. This can be corrected only by analysing the space and harmonising it in accordance with the principles of Feng Shui.

The basic analysis of the impact of any building on the occupants is by meaning you move into a building and if your life improves it means it's good for you; if it gets worse it means it's not. This is a bit drastic and not very time effective, but this is how most people have done it throughout their lives so far.

Identifying the Feng Shui of the property and locating the good and bad sectors would be the best approach and one can work around the weak zones, or even "cut out" the weak spots from the building design or the interior. Similarly, locating the good sectors can help in enhancing the Feng Shui of the property, and position important activities within a home or office including locating the working space for the boss.

Some of the general guidelines to create a prosperous home or office space are:

- **Look for the exterior Feng Shui:** Ensure that there is nothing piercing or obstructing your building. A good Feng Shui premises is one which has no Sha Chi (attacking) or low energy flow. Observe the surrounding with "Feng Shui" eyes and ensure the backyard is not sloping away.
- **Study energy flow towards main door:** Obstacle-free main door which looks inviting is the first sign of prosperity coming into the building. Look for obstacles like trees or design features of the building which is blocking the main entry. Ensure recycle bins and trash is not in the vicinity of main door.
- **3 important Zones:** The main sectors for a home apart from the above are the kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. Ensure all three areas have a strong Feng Shui foundation and always be aware of the quality of energy in these three energy points of the home.
- **Feel good factor and Feng Shui Energy:** The feel of the building indicates the type of nourishment the occupants can derive. Everything around us is in constant flow, in constant change. Merely creating a strong Feng Shui foundation for the building is not enough, one has to get into the habit of keeping the energy fresh and free flowing, and hence periodic maintenance is required. De-clutter the space especially closet, garage and carry out spring cleaning.

A building with good Feng Shui is one which has fresh Feng Shui energy, expresses itself in a clean space, fresh air, plenty of good light, creating happiness, prosperity and harmony.

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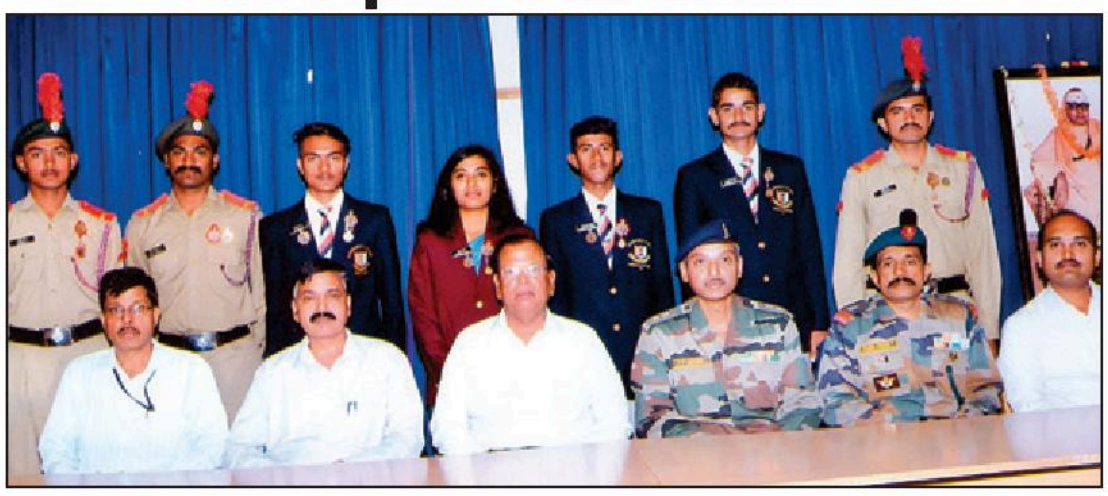
Republic Day and Tal Sainik Camp Cadets feted



Mysuru, Feb. 27- JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, B.N. Road, Mysuru, had organised a programme to felicitate its NCC Cadets Sgt. Dhruvakumar, BN, Sgt. Sandesh S. Patel and Sgt. Harshitha Jeevan, who participated in Republic Day Parade -2017 at New Delhi and Sgt. G.O. Prajith, who participated in the Tal Sainik Camp in Sept. 2016.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, Commanding Officer, 14-KAR BN NCC, Mysuru, Lt. Col. M.P. Aravind said that from Mysuru only 14 Cadets had participated in the Republic Day Camp (RDC) among them six Cadets were from 14 KAR BN out of which three Cadets were from JSS College (Ooty Road) alone.

He highlighted about the duties of Cadets and appreciated these Cadets for availing a rare chance to meet the Prime Minister of our country. He further said that as the NCC Cadets have got the basic defence training they should become role model to other students and join Indian Army.

Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah, Chief Executive of the College, presided. Prof. M. Mahadevappa, Principal, S. Somashekar, Principal, PU College, Dr. L. Vinaykumar NCC Officer and Subedar Major Raghukar from 14-KAR BN NCC, Mysuru, were present.

Sgt. Anushya welcomed. Sgt. K.R. Nandini rendered invocation. JUO R.K. Bhagyashree compared. Sgt. N.R. Nandini proposed a vote of thanks.

M. Lakshman, RD Cadet-2017 being felicitated by the Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama President Swami Athmajnanandaji at a programme held at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala here recently. Others seen are (from left) NCC Officer K. Shivakumar, Principal S. Balaji, Correspondent Swami Yukteshanandaji and J.K. Rahul.

Winners of Polytechnic Quiz Contest

The prize winners — (sitting from left) Jeevan Kumar & D.C. Darshan, (CPC Polytechnic, Mysuru - 2nd prize), Yathin & S. Rakshith (Govt. Polytechnic, Kushalnagar - 3rd prize) and D. Bhumika & N. Ananya (JSS Polytechnic for Women, Mysuru - 1st prize) — are seen with (standing from left) Nandashree, Arathi, Jayamala, Mala, Basavaraj Hunagund, N. Shekar (Principal), Kumari, Manjula, Vijayalakshmi, Jasvindar Kour and Padmashree.

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Alumni Association of JSS Polytechnic for Women, Mysuru, had organised an Inter-Polytechnic Quiz Competition at its premises here recently. Students from Mysuru, Ramanagaram and Hassan districts participated in the competition.

On the occasion, N. Shekar, Principal of the College, addressed the gathering and said that these competitions help in developing confidence, competitive spirit and personality development of the students.

He stressed upon the need for participation spirit than winning competitions. He appreciated all the participants who had actively participated and distributed the prizes to the winners.

B. Mala, Alumni Officer, conducted the programme. Office-bearers of the Association R. Kumari, B.S. Jayamala, Arathi, K. Vijayalakshmi, B.V. Manjula, H.S. Padmashree, Jasvinder Kour Osahan and H.M. Nandashree were present.

Prize winners

D. Bhumika and N. Ananya, JSS Polytechnic for Women, Mysuru - 1st prize; Jeevan Kumar and D.C. Darshan, CPC Polytechnic, Mysuru - 2nd prize; Yathin and S. Rakshith, Government Polytechnic, Kushalnagar - 3rd prize.

Exam workshop for CBSE class 10 students

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Kautilya School has organised a free workshop on on Maths and Science subjects for Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) 10th standard students at its premises on Mar. 4 from 9 am to 1 pm. Interested may avail the benefits by registering their names on Mob: 99000-38343 /366.

NR Golf Championship winners

Mysuru, Feb. 27 - The following are the winners of the two-day NR Open Golf Championship held at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWFC) in city. The event witnessed around 200 golf enthusiasts participating across 15 categories. R. Guru, Chairman, NR Group and Dr. P. Sridhar, Ranga Family Member, presented the trophies to the winners. Dr. M.S. Ranganath, President JWGC, B.M. Nagesh, Captain, JWGC, V.G. Achar, Hon. Secretary, JWGC, S. Prasanna Shankar, Hon. Treasurer, JWGC and A.S. Somesh, Chairman, Tournament Sub Committee, JWGC were also present on the occasion.

RESULTS

Strokeplay Gross

1. Jerry Kuruvilla (77 Gross), 2. M.R. Surya Kumar (77 Gross) (Better Back 9 Over V. Prakash)

Strokeplay Net (H/C 0 TO 12)

1. V. Prakash (68 Net), 2. Sree Kumar (70 Net) (Better Back 6 Over Phalguna.V. Urs and R.S. Nitish)

Strokeplay Net (H/C 13 TO 18)

1. S. Lokesh (64 Net), 2. S.K. Ramalinge Gowda (68 Net)

Stableford Net (H/C 0 TO 18)

1. Vidhatri.K.Urs (38 Points), 2. Rahul.R.Jain (38 Points).

Stableford Net (H/C 0 TO 24)

For seniors above 65 years

1. Gp.Capt.H.M.V. Murthy (35 Points), 2. K.Krishne Gowda (35 Points) (Better Back 9 Over Mari Gowda).

Stableford Net (H/C 0 To 24)

For seniors 70 years & above

1. B.S. Yeshgol (32 Points), 2. K.C. Eapen (32 Points) (Better Back 9 Over Col.M.C.Appanna).

Stableford Net (H/C 0 To 24)

For juniors

1. HemikaPonnamma (36 Points), 2. DishaKaveri (33 Points).

Stableford Net (H/C 0 TO 24)

For ladies

1. Drishti Karumbaya (31 Points), 2. PriyaKushalappa (29 Points).

Longest Drive - 9th Hole

L. Darshan (245 Yards)

Straightest Drive - 16th Hole

Sunil Kothari (5" Inches)

Nearest To The Pin - 8th Hole

Wg. Cdr. Kinshuk Kumar (16'5)

JWGC - NR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP -2016-17

Match Play Singles Gross Event

1. M.G. Chengappa
2. V. Prakash

Match Play Singles Net Event

1. Phalguna V. Urs
2. M.C.S. Manohara

Match Play Doubles Net Event

1. S. Ramachndra & S. Lokesh, 2. B.O. Ganesh Babu & Dr. H. Umesh

Match Play Singles Net Event (For Seniors)

1. C.K. Subramani
2. K. Krishne Gowda.

Scott MTB Championship Mysuru – 2017

Paigambar bags top honours

N. Paigambar, winner of the 39km men's Elite category cycle race seen receiving the cash prize from the chief guest yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb.27- N. Paigambar won the 39km men's Elite category cycle race and won a cash prize of Rs.10,000 in the Scott MTB Cycle Championship 2017, conducted jointly by the Cyclopedia and Mysore District Cycling Association at the race which was flagged off from Lalitha Mahal Helipad yesterday.

A total 159 cyclists took part in different categories. Cyclists from Mysuru, Bengaluru, Manipur, Delhi, Mumbai, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and many neighboring cities like Hassan and Kodagu took part in the event.

RESULTS

MEN'S ELITE CATEGORY (39km)

1. N. Paigambar - 1:41:20
2. Kiran Kumar Raju - 1:43:19
3. Sandesh Uppar - 1:47:41

AMATURE (28 km)

1. H.M. Madhukumar - 1:24:29
2. Ananya Kadidal - 1:25:23
3. V. Karthik - 1:32:56

UNDER 18 BOYS (23 km)

1. Sanju Naiak - 38:07:03
2. K. Venkappa - 39:51:07

WOMEN (18Km)

1. G. Megha - 36:57:45
2. Seema Adagal - 37:51:43
3. Harshini Govindaraj - 52:26:75

India 3 ITF Futures Tennis Tournament

Vasisht, Prajwal Dev enter main draw

Guwahati, Feb.27- Mysuru lads C. Vasisht and S.D. Prajwal Dev entered the main draw in the men's singles event in India 3 ITF $15,000 Futures Tennis Tournament at Guwahati yesterday. In final qualifying round, Vasisht beat fourth seed P. Vignesh 7-5, 6-2 to enter the main draw of the tournament. In the first round of qualifying, Vasisht got the better of Mysuru lad and 13th seed Suraj R. Prabodh 7-6 (3), 6-4. Another upcoming Mysuru lad Prajwal Dev beat Anurag Nenwani 7-6 (1), 6-1 in final qualifying round and entered main draw. In first round of qualifying, Prajwal beat Dhakshineshwar Prabbhu 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.

In the main draw of the men's singles event, Vasisht will take on Sami Reinwein (Germany) while Prajwal will meet Britain's Alexis Courter in the first round. In the men's doubles event Vasisht and Prajwal will meet second seeds N. Vijay Sundar Prasanth and Sanam Singh in the pre-quarterfinals.

Intl. School Sports Federation of India's Athletics

City's Himani shines

Himani Hegde

Mysuru, Feb.27- Mysuru girl Himani Hegde, a 4th standard student from St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar, Mysuru representing her school in the International School Sports Federation of India Athletic Meet at Lake Mount Fort High school, Bengaluru ,won the gold medal in the U-10 girls 100 mts event and also won the second prize in the 50 mts event. Himani Hegde is the daughter of Kishan Hegde, residents of Chamarajapuram, Mysuru.

Mustafa wins yet another AITA title

Bengaluru, Feb. 27 - City's upcoming tennis player Mustafa M Raja clinched his 8th Under-10 AITA Nationals Title at the tournament held at Transform Tennis Academy, Bengaluru. This is also his fourth consecutive tournament win.

Mustafa had to go through a tough draw as 64 players were participating from all over the country. Mustafa kept his cool at crucial moments and won critical points especially in the Quarter Finals where he saved 2 match points against Venkat Rishi from Hyderabad.

SCORES

R1- Bye; R2 -7,0; PQ - 7,0; Quarter Final - 7,6 (7,2); Semi Final - 4,0 and 4,3 (7,0) and Finals - Vishnu - 4,0 and 4,1. Mustafa is a student of Excel Public School and trains at Nagaraja Tennis Centre. He is the son of Murtuza Raja and Farida Raja.

B.V. Pundit Memorial CME on 'Jwara Chikitsa' held

Mysuru, Feb.27 (US&SP)- B.V. Pundit Traditional and Herbal Healthcare, The Sadvaidyashala Private Limited, Nanjangud and Dept. of PG Studies in Kayachikitsa, GAMC, Mysuru, had organised B.V. Pundit Memorial Continuing Medical Education (CME) on 'Jwara Chikitsa' on Thursday at the premises of Hi-tech Panchakarma Hospital in Brindavan Extension here.

Inaugurating the programme, Dr. B.V. Rajagopal, President, Sadvidya Private Limited, Nanjangud, opined that *Panchakarma Chikitse* was a part of Ayurvedic medicine to preserve physical, mental and spiritual health of a person. He added that Panchakarma Chiktise without any side effects included materials of daily consumption as medicines.

He advised people of modern world to follow ancient ayurveda medicine for stamina and better health.

Government Ayurvedic Medical College Principal Dr. P. Latha, Prajna Kuteera Managing Director Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Dr. Raghavendra Udupa of Moodabidri Alva's Ayurveda Medical College, SDM Ayurvedic Pharmaceuticals General Manager Dr. R. Muralidar Ballal, Head of the Dept. of PG Studies in Kayachikitsa, GAMC, Mysuru, Dr. Gajanana Hegde, Hi-tech Pancharma Hospital Medical Officer Dr. V. Rajendra and Sadvaidyashala Director N.B. Ramagopal and others were present.

'Women are being projected as an object of desire through ads'

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (SP&US)- Marking the 182nd birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, Ramakrishna Ashrama had organised a function at its premises on KRS Road here on Saturday.

Swamy Anupamanandaji, Secretary, Tirupati Ramakrishna Mission, delivered a lecture on Swami Vivekananda.

Speaking on the role of women in society, orator Chakravarti Sulibele regretted that of late women were being projected as an object of desire through advertisements.

He advised women to develop confidence and utilise their strength to stand tall to counter any sort of oppression.

Chakravarti Sulibele

He opined that every women has a hidden talent and courage which should only be taken off the dormant stage. He further advised women to emulate courageous leaders like Jhansi Rani Lakshmibai and Kittur Rani Chennamma.

A youth camp was also held for women students of Degree Colleges later.

UoM Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Feb. 27- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Kannada to **B.K. Pavitra** for her thesis '*Vasumati Udapa avara Sahitya*' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S.D. Shashikala.

C.N. Yashwanth Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis 'Mysuru Jilleya Jenu Kurubaru, Samskritika Sthityantara' submitted under the guidance of Dr. T. Jayalakshmi.

M. Renuka has been awarded Ph.D in Biotechnology by the UoM for her thesis 'Studies on Association of Productive Traits with Expressed Sequence Tags (EST) Markers Among Selected Silkworm Genetic Resources (Bombyx mori L.)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. C.K. Kamble.

Rekha Himanand has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for her thesis 'Gubbi Talukina Samskritika Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Thimmaiah.

G. Parameshwari has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the UoM for her thesis 'Quality of Work Life in Insurance Industry: A Study of Mysore District' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.H. Suresh.

City reeling under heat as Mercury soars above 35°C

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Feb.27- The city residents who are having a hard time in facing the worst drought in over four decades, are now reeling under the hot sun, with the mercury touching 35°C even before the summer has set in.

The rains, which are playing truant for the past 3 years, has already hit the residents badly with water levels at water bodies witnessing an alarming dip. The soaring heat ahead of the summer months, is clearly an indication that the coming months may be even hotter. The 35°C temperature recorded in the city this month is perhaps the highest in 10 years. The normal temperature in February was 31°C in previous years. However, the temperature this month which was 33°C in the beginning has now touched 35°C.

Last year saw one of the hottest days in recent times with the Mercury touching the 40°C mark. As people could not withstand the scorching sun, they chose to remain indoors.

At present the Mercury is hovering between 33°C and 35°C and there is no doubt that the coming months will be much hotter. The utter failure of monsoon and pre-monsoon rains last year, has only worsened the situation as people have to sweat it out under the scorching sun and also face drinking water problems.

In the wake of soaring mercury levels, the only hope for the citizens is good pre-monsoon rains. A good pre-monsoon rain in the summer months can not only bring down temperature but also mitigate the city's drinking water woes. The winter season this year too was not that cold as compared to previous year, giving a hint that the summer months were going to be much hotter. No rains in March and April means that the summer will become unbearable as the Mercury is expected to touch 40°C in May and may remain so till the monsoon arrives in mid-June.

Even as the hot sun is taking its toll, aerated drinks, tender coconut, fruit drinks and such other drinks are in great demand in the city and elsewhere in the district.

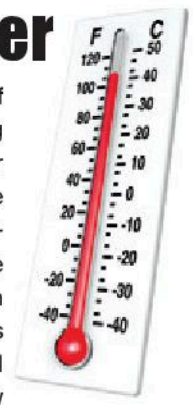
The scorching heat has its bearing on the health of the people too, with a significant number of people becoming victims of skin diseases caused by excessive heat.

Tender coconut vendors and other cool drink sellers are having a good time as more and more people are taking to cool drinks with each passing day, even as the sun seems to show no mercy.

In great demand, the price of tender coconut has shot upto Rs. 20 a piece and the price is expected to rise even further as the summer season advances.

Meanwhile, Dr. C. Govindaraju, senior Field Superintendent of Naganahalli Organic Farming Research Centre, confirming that the temperature of the city has increased by over 2 percent in the past 20 days, said that pre-monsoon showers hold key for a cooler summer.

Health challenges during summer



By S. Pushpavathi

Mysuru, Feb.27- With the onset of summer, the citizens have to be careful about their health as summer is often considered to be the worst season as many people become victims of infections diseases. People also have to face issues such as drinking water, nutritious food, fodder for animals etc., As such, the onus rests on the District Administration, which has to take all precautionary measures for preventing spread of epidemic and endemic diseases. Statistics reveal that 30,615 people became victims of Diarrhea in 2015 and 32,099 in 2016 while the number of Typhoid 1,585 people in 2015 and 1,817 in 2016, Dengue 382 in 2015 and 582 in 2016, Chikungunya 111 in 2015 and 158 in 2016.

The intensity of heat in summer will be very high and hence human body needs more and more of liquids. However, any shortage of fluids in the body will give rise to ailments such as abdominal pain. Drinking of unsafe water leads to diarrhea, vomiting etc., and severe loss of body fluids may lead to serious health issue.

The problem is more serious in rural areas, where piped water to homes is a rarity and people in order to quench their thirst, tend to drink available water, least bothering to check whether it is safe or unsafe. Dehydration is another serious health issue in summer, which the health authorities must take seriously. Water-borne disease too may have an impact on public health as stagnated water are breeding ground for virus carriers such as mosquitoes.

Health advisory

Even as summer season set in, people have to take appropriate measures for maintaining their health. The measures to be taken include keeping surroundings clean, ensure cleaning of stagnant or contaminated water, consumption of fresh food and liquids.

With maintenance of hygiene and supply of potable water holding key for the health of people, the residents, especially in rural areas, have to ensure top priority for the prevention of the spread of air-borne or water-borne diseases. Soon as symptoms of diarrhoea or vomiting surface, the victims have to be rushed to nearby PHCs or hospitals for medical care and treatment.

District Health Officer Dr. Basavaraju said that the viruses spreading epidemics and endemics will be more active during summer. Also people tend to get tired due to profuse sweating on account of the scorching heat. A weaker body is prone to contract diseases and the district health authorities have taken all precautionary measures for checking the spread of vector-borne diseases and other air-borne diseases, he said.

District Vector Borne Diseases Control Officer Dr. Chidambara says that there is every chance that epidemics spread whenever there is climate change. Individual hygienity holds key for maintaining good health and people should always prefer to drink boiled water and lemon juices in order to keep body fluids stable, he said while stressing on the need for maintaining cleanliness.

Former MIMS (Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences) Director Dr. H.T. Chidananda says that people should prefer not to venture out during the summer months. People have to drink more liquids during summer in order to improve their immunity from diseases, he said and added that the public should immediately visit a nearest health centre if any uneasiness or body changes surfaces.

City to get 20 new junctions, 24 bus bays, 40 more CCTV cameras

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Feb. 27 - Taking the growing traffic and population density in Mysuru, the city will soon get 20 new junctions, 24 new bus-bays, 3 new signals, 40 additional CCTV cameras and 20 high-raised pedestrian paths. The Traffic Police have initiated several development programmes to enforce traffic discipline and at the same time, facilitating the smooth movement of pedestrians and traffic.

They have prepared a five-year Master Plan under M-TRAC to utilise Rs. 40 crore that will be sanctioned by the State Government. Under M-TRAC, Rs. 8 crore will be used per year to streamline traffic movements and provide additional facilities.

It may be recalled here that the previous City Police Commissioner Dr. M.A. Saleem had initiated the M-TRAC project on the lines of B-TRAC in Bengaluru and Chief Minister Siddharamaiah had approved the Rs. 40 crore project. The CM had also released the first instalment for the department to begin works.

As part of the Master Plan, three new signal lights will be installed at Dattagalli Ring Road Junction, Bannur Ring Road Junction and Nanjangud Ring Road Junction at a cost of Rs. 54 lakh. Works on the signal lights have already begun at the three junctions and the remaining 52 signal lights at various junctions will be upgraded at a cost of Rs. 4 crore.

CCTV CAMERAS

To prevent motorists from breaking traffic rules and to maintain vigil on the streets, 40 more CCTV cameras will be installed to enable the Police to maintain law and order and also reach the problem area quickly. Personnel monitoring the camera recordings at the CCTV Camera Control Room, can alert the jurisdictional Police to reach the spot in case of trouble.

BUS BAYS

Bus bays to facilitate the passengers to wait for the buses and board them in a systematic manner will be installed at 24 places. These bus bays will facilitate both KSRTC and private buses and will be installed at places including Ballal Circle, near Saraswathipuram Fire Brigade, JSS Medical College, near Sub-Urban Bus Stand, Geetha Convent on Bannur Road, Old Police Station at Udayagiri, Hootagalli Circle, near Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, Railway Station, Metropole Circle, Fountain Circle, Kumbarakoppal Gate on KRS Road, Ramaswamy Circle, near Lakshmi Talkies on Chamaraja Double Road and Akashvani Circle.

JUNCTIONS

Twenty junctions will be developed at places including Krishna Vilas Road, Narayana Shastry Road, Chamundivana, JSS Old Hospital Road, Harsha Bar, Fountain Circle, Vinaya Marga, Vayu Vihara Marga, Surya Bakery, Hebbal Main Road and Kumbarakoppal Junction.

PEDESTRIAN PATHS

To facilitate smooth movement of pedestrians, high-raised pedestrian path will be constructed at 20 places including Vinoba Road, MRC Circle, Krishna Vilas Road, Ramakrishnanagar Circle, Nrupathunga Road Bus Stop, Gokulam Main Road, Temple Road, NIE Junction, J.K. Ground Circle and pedestrian path in front of *Loyal World*. Plans are also afoot to install vehicle-friendly road humps. In addition to the above works, painting of zebra crossing, earmarking of parking areas and installing of traffic signboards will be taken up.

GPS to track passenger rides

The city Police is developing an app that uses GPS to track passenger rides and report complaints. Very soon, autorickshaws, cabs and taxies will sport Quick Response (QR) codes, the pattern code found on consumer goods that can be read by smart phones.

The system, developed for security of women using public transport late in the night, also monitors other passenger complaints. The app will read the details of the vehicle and its driver that are embedded in the QR code, and ensure that the commuter's journey is tracked through GPS and transmitted to the traffic control room.

According to City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeshwara Rao, the mobile app will scan the QR code and access the database. When the commuter goes to the app and scans the QR code, it will show the details of the vehicle, driver and licence. "We will implement the project in a couple of months and the database of every single public transport vehicle in Mysuru will have to be embedded in QR codes and displayed on vehicles. This will enable us to track the entire journey and at the same time ensure passenger safety," he said.

"During the course of the journey, if a commuter encounters a problem, he or she can press the 'Panic' button in the app and the GPS location of the smart phone will be communicated to the Traffic Control Room and help will be rushed, he added.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Shtick

Meaning: One's special interest, talent, etc. It also means (especially in comic acting) a routine or piece of business inserted to gain a laugh or draw attention to oneself.
Origin: Shtick comes from the Yiddish word shtik meaning "pranks." It entered English during the 1950s.

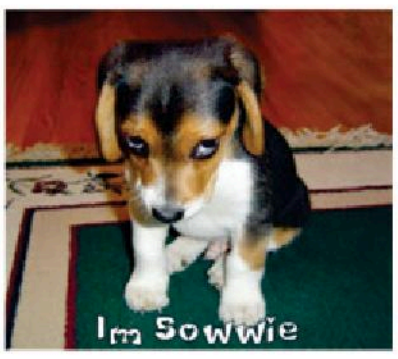
THE ODD WORD

Pachymeter

Instrument for measuring small thicknesses.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Eat humble pie



Meaning: Act submissively and apologetically, especially when admitting an error.
Origin: In the 14th century England, "numbles" was the name for the heart, liver and entrails of deer. By the 15th century, it had shortened to "umbles". The umbles were common ingredients for pie fillings - thus, umble pie. The evolution to the idiomatic "humble pie" is assumed to be the result of the similar-sounding words, as well as the fact that those eating umble pie were most often of humble means.

QUOTE BOX

The biggest challenge after success is shutting up about it.

—Criss Jami

RIDDLE THIS

If it's information you seek, come and see me.
If it's pairs of letters you need, I have consecutively three.
Who am I?

Answer: A bookkeeper.

SUDOKU

	9	4		5				
1			3	6			7	
6		7						9
	8		5					
		5		1		9		
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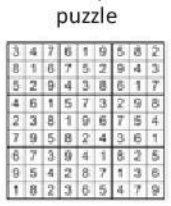
Answer to previous puzzle



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CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

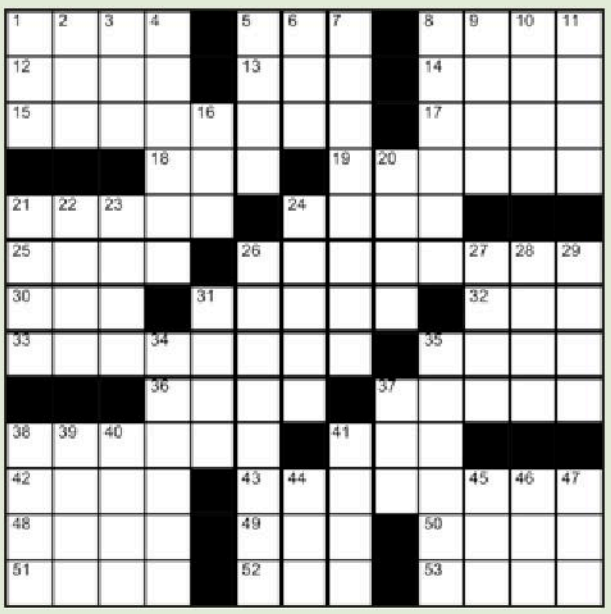
1 Fire: comb. form or prefix?
5 A failure or a damp squib?
8 _ __ it : this is understood by me? (1,3)
12 Irish name - "Mail" anagram?
13 Abstract noun suffix
14 Speck - "tome" anagram?
15 Aubergine for one?
17 Malay sailing boat - "or pa" anagram?
18 US ISP
19 Capital of Greece
21 Ivan the terrible and Nicholas II were two
24 Ms Mirza of Bollywood
25 Hebridean isle - "suit" anagram?
26 ___ soldier : a make-believe or dandyish soldier?
30 Std. temp. & press.
31 Dam, embankment against river floods
32 ___ Vegas : the famous gambling city?
33 Hurried or expedited
35 A stupid fellow!
36 Scatters seeds etc. for planting
37 Erect a tent, perhaps?
38 Unruffled or sedate
41 LP successors
42 Passage out of; leave
43 Forceful and persuasive in speech
48 Surpasses or excels
49 Common lodging house, bed
50 Killed or slaughtered
51 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
52 Place where pig's sty
53 The island to which Napoleon was banished

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

G	I	R	■	V	A	S	T	■	K	U	S	H
A	C	E	■	E	C	H	O	■	E	P	E	E
T	E	L	E	G	R	A	M	■	Y	A	R	N
■	■	I	N	A	I	R	■	R	U	S	E	S
D	E	E	D	■	D	I	L	I	P	■	■	■
E	A	V	E	S	■	F	O	G	■	H	P	A
C	R	E	D	I	T	■	L	I	L	I	A	N
K	L	S	■	N	I	B	■	D	E	M	I	T
■	■	■	M	E	T	E	S	■	A	A	L	S
E	L	B	O	W	■	W	H	I	R	L	■	■
M	O	O	T	■	S	A	Y	O	N	A	R	A
I	S	L	E	■	I	R	A	N	■	Y	A	W
T	E	L	L	■	R	E	M	E	■	A	Y	N

DOWN

1 The French for 'island'
2 A one-night entertainment - especially from a singer
3 Remind or urge constantly
4 Give or bestow; divulge
5 Twofold
6 "Run" around to get a jar?
7 Kept in confinement or kept waiting
8 Capital of Manipur
9 Clinton's VP
10 English college
11 Afternoon refreshers?
16 "L" in L.A. the famous city?
20 A certain kind
21 Exclamation of reproof
22 First lady of "Ramayana" the great Epic?
23 Venomous, hooded serpents
24 Plunges into water head first
26 Seventy days to be precise? (3,5)
27 Many (1,3)
28 Perfumed powder
29 Bible book abbr.
31 ___ Uris : author of Mila 18 and Redemption?
34 Type of fly which can carry sleeping sickness
35 State of neglect
37 At once, in short
38 ___ forth : begins or starts a journey?
39 Yeoman officer
40 When fruit is this it should be picked
41 Ctrl-C in Windows
44 ___ up a cigarette : began to smoke a cigarette?
45 Bend in a pipe
46 The peak of a cap
47 Two for the bard



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HN KPQ ORN NG FR DIGWRC NKPN HCNRSSHURCZR

KPQ PCO QEIWHWPS WPSER

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life.

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	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	2521923	4 Shows
Srinivasa Kalyana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Melkote Manja	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Chowka	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kirik Party	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Danger Zone	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Rangoon	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Guardians The Superheroes	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
The Dirty Picture	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Yaman	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Winner	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 7.00 pm
Rangoon (H)	(S-1)	6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.05 am, 3.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Jolly LLB 2 (H)	(S-2)	4.35 pm
Chowka (K)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Veeram Macbeth (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
The Ghazi Attack (H)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 7.20 pm
Split (E)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 9.55 pm
Yaman (Ta)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Srinivasa Kalyana (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Winner (Te)	(S-3)	7.00 pm

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	(S-2)	10.00 am, 3.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Kirik Party (K)	(S-4)	4.20 pm
Rangoon (H)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 4.00 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 6.45 pm
Jolly LLB 2 (H)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Wedding Anniversary (H)	(S-3)	12.35 pm
Veeram Macbeth (Ma)	(S-4)	7.30 pm
Split (E)	(S-3)	10.10 am, 7.20 pm
Guardians The Superheroes (E)	(S-3)	2.50 pm
Yaman (Ta)	(S-4)	9.40 pm
Srinivasa Kalyana (K)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Winner (Te)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Ghazi (Te)	(S-3)	4.50 pm

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AIR ON TUESDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Bhavageete, 7.15 Sponsored Prog., 8.30 Radio Doctor, 10.00 Violin Recital, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 11.30 Keli Kali, 12.00 noon Chukki Chinna, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 01.00 Devaranama, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.15 Hosa Dishe, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 4.00 Kathaa Kaalakshepa, 5.00 Film Songs, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Kannadada Kanmanigalu, 9.16 Hindi Lessons, 9.30 Flute recital by Mysore A. Chandan Kumar, 10.30 Savinenapu.

TV TONIGHT

ZEE TV
7:00 pm Kaala Teeka
7:30 Sanyukt
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek
8:30 Jamai Raja
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya
10:00 Woh Apna Sa
10:30 Zindagi Ki Mahek

Star Plus
7:00 pm Saathiya
7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein
8:00 PardesMeinHaiMeraDil
8:30 Chandra Nandni
9:00 Naamkarann
9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai
10:00 Ishqbaaaz

SONY
6:00 pm Kapil Sharma Show
7:30 Peshwa Bajirao
8:00 Mahabali Hanumaan
8:30 Ek Rishta Sajhedari Ka
9:00 Beyhadh
9:30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi
10:00 Peshwa Bajirao

Discovery Channel
4:30 pm The Real Hustle
5:00 Man Woman Wild
6:00 Food Factory
7:00 Man Vs. Wild
8:00 River Monsters with Wade
10:00 Body Bizarre
11:00 Naked and Afraid

Star Sports
6:00 pm Superstars
6:30 Australia Tour of India 2017 H/Is
7:00 Hockey India League
8:00 Australia Tour of India 2017 H/Is
8:30 Superstars
9:00 This Weeks Special
9:30 Australia Tour of India 2017 H/s

National Geographic
6:00 pm India Unlocked
7:00 Big Cat Week e
8:00 Brain Games
8:30 Science of Stupid
9:00 World's Most Extreme
10:00 Mygrations : Animal House
11:00 Deadly Jaws : Lion Gangland

Cartoon Network
6:00 pm We Bare Bears
7:00 Pette the Prince
8:30 Roll No. 21
9:00 Teen Titans Go
9:30 Oggy and the Cockroaches
10:00 Ben 10
11:00 Dragon Ball Z

GTV
6:00 pm Keladi Kanmani
6:30 Ganga
7:30 Kula Deivam
8:00 Deiva Magal
8:30 Vamsam
9:00 Nandini
9:30 Vani Rani
10:00 Priyamanaval

Udaya TV
6:30 pm Meenakshi Maduve
7:00 Sarayoo
7:30 Sapthamathruka
8:00 Aramane
8:30 Nandini
9:00 Ananda Bairavi

MOVIES TONIGHT

Star Movies
3:30 pm The Martian
6:30 The Sixth Sense
8:30 89th Academy Awards
9:00 89th Academy Awards

HBO
3:58 pm The Dark Knight
6:44 Pan
9:00 Harry Potter & Deathly Hallows
11:49 The Last Airbender

WB
4:07 pm The Pink Panther
5:42 Happy Feet Two
7:18 Step Up 2
9:00 Blue Lagoon

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3:00 pm Movie
6:00 Movie
9:00 Movie

Zee Cinema
4:26 pm Ab Tumhare Hawale Watan Saathiyo
8:00 Real Tevar
11:04 Diler: The Daring

FILMY
5:30 pm Infomercial
6:00 Phir Milenge
9:00 Jheel Ke Us Paar

&pictures PIX
4:19 pm Movie
5:58 Movie
8:19 Movie
11:00 Movie

Udaya Movies
4:00 pm Movie
7:00 Movie
10:00 Movie

Star Gold
4:00 pm International Khiladi
7:00 Dhammu
9:15 Soldier

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.27)

Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru and Centre for Sports and Management Studies (CS&MS): Sports Talk by former Tennis Player and ATP Champion Somdev Kishore Devvarman, SDM-IMD auditorium, Chamundi Hill Road, **4 pm.**

St. Philomena's Church: Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Rev. Msgr. K.A. William as the sixth Bishop of Mysuru Diocese, St. Joseph's Cathedral (St. Philomena's Church) campus, **4.30 pm.**

Vishwamanava Mysore University Employees Forum: Kuvempu Jayantotsava and felicitation to red. University employees and farewell to Syndicate Members, Food & Civil Supplies Minister U.T. Khader inaugurates, Minister A. Manju, MP R. Dhruvanarayan and others will be present, Maharaja College Centenary Hall, **5.30 pm.**

Desiranga Samskruthika Samsthe: Desiranga Natakotsava, writer Sarvamangala inaugurates, Staging of solo play *Niraakarane* with B.S. Dinamani essaying several characters of mythology all alone, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Shakti Kannada Nataka Kala Sangha and Kannada & Culture Department: Ranga Geete, Felicitation and Staging of play 'Chapala Channigaraya,' Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa inaugurates, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa presides, Town Hall, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Annual Celebrations, 150th birth anniversary of Sister Nivedita, Katha Keertana: Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna - Suramani Sri Dathathreya Velankar, Ashrama premises, Yadayagiri, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Discourse on 'Sampooma Srimadramanayana by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.28)

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Annual Celebrations, Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti, Vedic Chanting, Arati & Bhajans, **5.15 am;** Puja, **7 am;** Vishnu Sahasranama, **8.30 am;** Bhajans by students of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, **9.15 am;** Reading, **10.35 am;** Arati, **10.45 am;** Homa, **11.00 am;** Prasad Distribution, **12 noon;** Bhajans by Sumana Bhajana Mandali, **4 pm;** Bhajans by Sri Kundana Nagendra, **5 pm;** Discourse in Kannada - 'Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna,' **6 pm;** Arati & Bhajans, Ashrama premises, Yadayagiri, **7 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti: Sri Raghavendraswamy Pattabhisheka and Vardhanti, Ganapati Homa, Punyaha, 108 Kalasha Sthapane, Ganahoma and Lakshmi Hayagriva Mahayaaga, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **7.30 am onwards.**

NIE Institute of Technology: National Seminar on 'Nanotechnology for Energy, Environment and Health,' Dr. Sumanda Bandyopadhyaya, Head-Polymer Analysis, SABIC, Bengaluru, inaugurates, Dr. C. Sharath Kumar, Director, Mediwave IVF & Fertility Centre, guest of honour, G.S. Ramachandra, Hon. Secretary, NIE Managing Committee, presides, NIE-IT premises, Koorgalli, **10 am.**

Children's Literary Club: Talk on 'Kalleshwara Fort' by Dr. R. Purnima, Government Girls Hostel, Adi Pampa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5 pm.**

Puttaswamy Mithra Vrunda: Staging of historical play 'Veera Sankalpa' of late Rangavani G. Mahadevappa, former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa inaugurates, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Chennappa presides, Town Hall, **6 pm.**

Malavalli Foundation, Vijay Foundation and Vidhulahari: Releasing of transcendental music album 'Nada Bindu - Srividya Nadopasane' by Avadhoota Datta Peetam Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, 'Nada Bindu' dance recital by Vidu. Aishwarya Nityananda, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Desiranga Samskruthika Samsthe: Desiranga Natakotsava, Book release and the play 'Koneya Aidu Dinagalu,' Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Discourse on 'Sampoorna Srimadramanayana by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

St. Cecilia's School of Music, Mysuru and Ministry of Arts and Sciences and Jazz Association of Baden-Württemberg: Performance by Klaus Graf Jazz Quartet from Germany [Band members consist of Klaus Graf – Alto Saxophone; Olaf Polziehn – Piano; Axel Kühn – Bass and Meinhard Obi Jenne – Drums], Phoenix International Academy, next to Mandovi Motors, KRS Road, **6.30 pm.**

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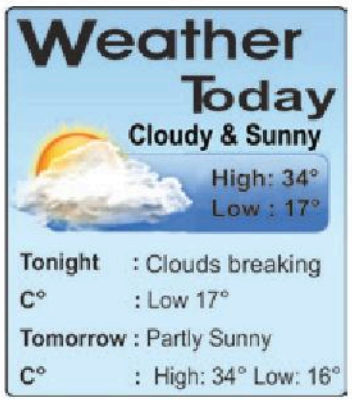

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